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The  
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# theater

I am going to a theater at the Kennedy Center to see a show.



# lobby

The theater lobby at the Kennedy Center is big.

When I look up, I will see a lot of flags.

I will walk in the lobby to get to the theater where I will see the show.



# security

There are security guards at the Kennedy Center.

The security guards are friendly and helpful people.

The security guards are at the theater to help people find their way in the Kennedy Center.



# listening

I am going to the Kennedy Center to watch a show.

I will need to listen to my teacher and follow the directions at the theater.

A theater usher or staff may give me instructions while I am at the Kennedy Center.

I will listen to the usher and follow the directions I am given.



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# theater show

A theater show tells a story on a stage.

The people on the stage are telling a story.

The people on the stage are called actors.

The actors are pretending to tell the story.

I can clap to show I like a certain part of the show.



# waiting in line

When I get to the Kennedy Center, I will have to wait in line many times during the day.

I may wait in line outside the theater.

I may wait in line inside the lobby or Hall of States.



# waiting in line

I may wait in line as we enter the theater.

I may wait in line as we leave the theater.

I may wait in line to get back on the bus.

Every time I am in line, I will listen to my teacher.



# hall of states

When I am waiting to go into the theater, I will be waiting in the Hall of States.

The Hall of States has flags from the 50 states. I can look up at the flags.

The Hall of States can get noisy when it is crowded.

If I don't like the noise, I can cover my ears and wait until we walk into the theater.



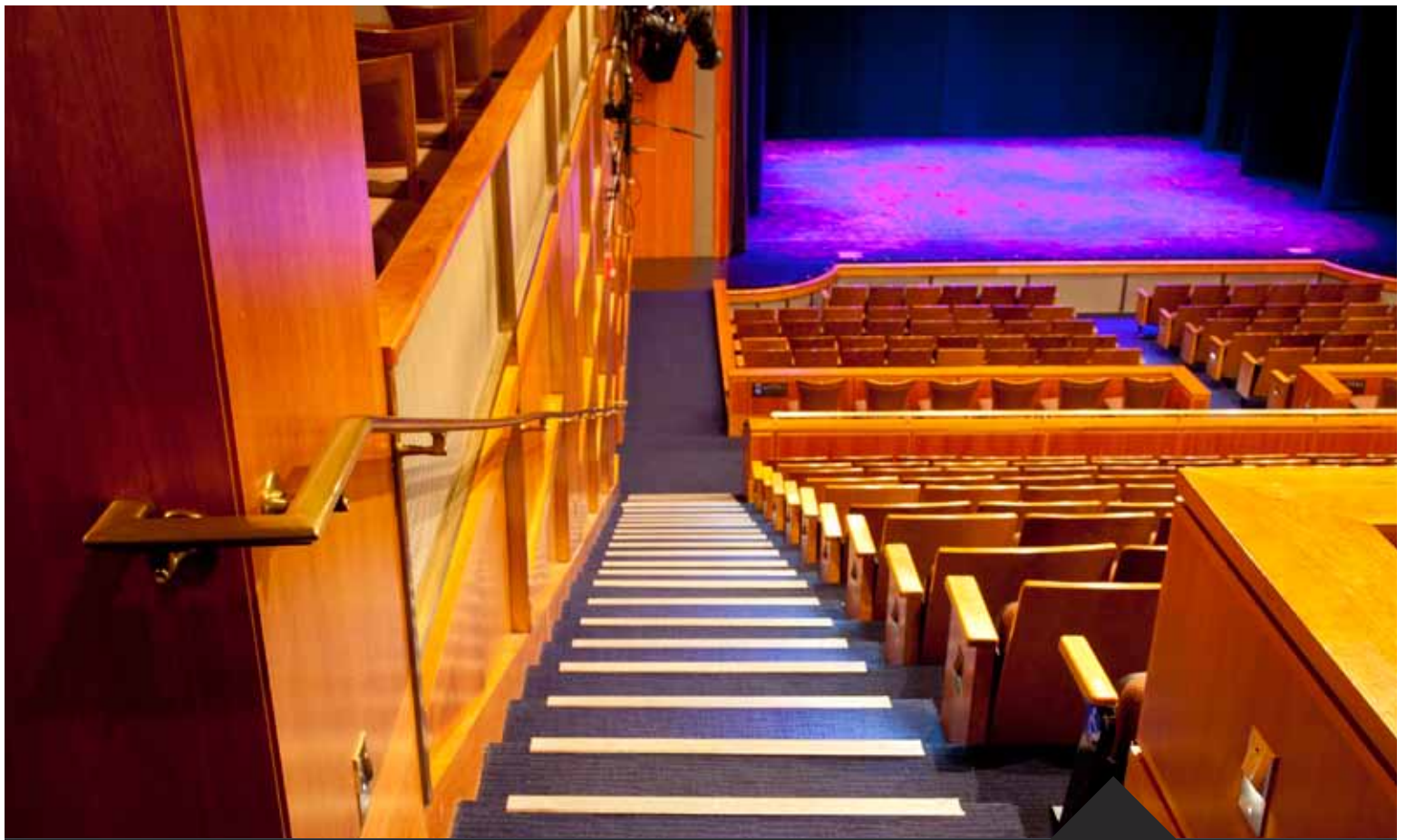
# following the line

When I go into the theater, I will listen to my teacher and the ushers.

The stairs and lobby near the theater can get crowded.

I will have to look carefully to stay in my line and with my classmates as we walk into the theater.

I will follow the line into the theater and sit in the seat I am assigned.



# stairs

I will be careful when I walk down the stairs to get to my seat.

I can hold onto the wall railing when I walk down the stairs.



# sitting

I will always be sitting next to my classmates.

I might have my classmates on one side of me and a person I don't know on the other side of me.



# sitting

When I am sitting, sometimes a person will walk in front of me.

If a person is in my way to see the show, I can quietly ask the person "Can you please move out of my way? Thank you."



# separated from class

If I am separated from my class and teacher, I will go to an usher or security guard to ask for help.

I will tell the usher or security guard that I was separated from my school.

I will tell the usher or security guard which school I go to.

The usher and security guard will help me find my teacher and class.



# bathroom

I will let my teacher know if I have to go to the bathroom.

I can go to the bathroom any time I need to.

The toilet will flush when I stand up.

The sound of the flushing toilet can be loud and flush more than one time.



# clapping

The show ends when the actors bow.

If I like the show, I can clap when the show ends.

Other people will clap.

I can cover my ears if the clapping noise is too loud.

People clap only for a short time then the clapping is over.



# leaving

I have to walk up the stairs to leave the theater.

All the people will leave the theater at the same time.

The stairs will be crowded.

I will walk slowly on the stairs.

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